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MINNESOTA PELT PRODUCTION UP 13 PERCENT FROM 2008

PELT PRODUCTION: Minnesota was fourth in 2009 pelt production behind Wisconsin, Utah, and Oregon according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Total state production for 2009 totaled 267,200 mink pelts, up 13 percent from 236,400 in 2008.

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2009 totaled 2.86 million pelts, up 1 percent from 2008. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 886,100 pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 613,500 pelts.

Mink pelts produced during the 2009 crop year were valued at \$186 million, up 58 percent from \$117 million a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2009 crop year was \$65.10, up \$23.50 from \$41.60 in 2008.

2009 Pelt Production by Color Class¹

	Total Pelts <i>Number</i>	Black <i>Number</i>	Demi-Wild <i>Number</i>	Blue Iris <i>Number</i>	Mahogany <i>Number</i>	White <i>Number</i>
US	2,855,700	1,494,500	123,900	282,400	663,500	48,800
MN	267,200	88,000	35,000	55,000	80,000	6,000

¹ Published color classes may not add to National or State total.

BRED FEMALES: Minnesota ranked fifth nationally in total number of females bred to produce kits in 2010 - behind Wisconsin, Utah, Idaho and Oregon. Minnesota females bred for 2010, at 45,800, are down 24 percent from 2009. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2010 by color class: Mahogany at 44 percent, Black at 24 percent, Demi/Wild at 16 percent and Blue Iris at 10 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 6 percent.

Nationally, female mink bred to produce kits in 2010 totaled 670,200, down 1 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2010 by color class is as follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 24 percent, Blue Iris at 9 percent, Sapphire at 5 percent, and Demi/Wild at 4 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 8 percent.

FARM NUMBERS: In the U.S., there were 278 mink farms producing pelts in 2009, up 1 percent from 2008.